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VI. Provise as to Persons whose Wives wear Velvets, &c. [See § I.] And be it pryded and enacted by auc tie aforesaid, that if the Wif of any pson or psons were any velvet in the lynyng or other part of her gowne other then in the cuffes or purfels of suche gowne, or elle were any velvet in her kyrtell or were any peticote of silke, that then the husbande of evy suche Wiff shall fynde one stoned horse of the stature above in this acte resyted, or shall incurre the abovesaide penaltie and forfaiture of tenne poundes to be levyed and recoved as is afore declared: Provyded also that this Acte or any thing therin conteyned shall not extende to charge any pson or psons whose Wiff or Wiffes shall were any of the apparell or thing? above rehersed during the tyme such Wiff or Wyffes shalbe devorsyd from her or ther husbonde or husbondes, or shall willingly absent her self from her said husbound and duringe suche absence shall were any of the apparell or other thyng? afore resyted: Provyded alwaies that heires win age being wardes whose landes tent? and hereditament? amount to the yerely value of CC ii. shall not be compelled by auc tie of this acte till they cume to ther full age to kepe any horses, althoughe the wiffes of suche heires win age were any gowne of Sylke or any Frenche hood or Bonet of Velvet w any habilyment past or egge of Gold Perle or Stone or any chayne of gold about ther nekk? or in ther plett? or in any apparell of ther bodie; Any thing in this Acte to the contrary notw'stonding.

VII. Proviso for replacing Horses killed in War, &c.

PROVYDED also that if all or any the horses kept by vertue of this acte shall happen to be kyllyd maymyd or lost in the fvice of the King? warres, That then in evy suche case the owners of suche horse or horses so kyllyd maymed pisshed or lost in the warres shall have libtie, by the space of twoo yeres next after suche chaunce of kylling maymyng pisshing or losing ther horses, to pvide other horses in the stede and place of the horses so kylled maymed pisshed or lost in the Warres, wout any daunger losse or penaltie of this acte; Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwistonding.

VIII. Cart-Horses and Sumpter-Horses.

PROVYDED also that cart horses or sumpter horses shall not be takyn reputed or reckned for any suche horses whiche any pson is or shalbe bounden to kepe by vertu of this acte.

CHAPTER VI.

An Acte concerninge Crosbowes and Handguns.

Recital of Stat. 25 H. VIII. c. 17. against shooting with Cross-bows and Hand-guns:

Violation thereof;

Penalty on Persons, having less than £100. per Annum, keeping or using Cross-bows, &c. £10.

II. Length of Hand-guns, &c. to be kept.

Those of less Length may be seized and destroyed by Persons having £100. a Year.

HERE in the Parliament holden at Westin the fyftenthe daye of Januarie in the twenty fyve Yere of the Kinges most gracious Raigne, and there contynued and kepte untill the thirtieth daye of Marche then next ensuynge, amonge divse and sondrie holsome and lawdable Act? Statut? and ordynance one Statute and Ordynance was made and ordeyned for the avoydinge and eschewinge of shotinge in Crosbowes and Handguns; synce the makinge of whiche Acte divse malicious and evill disposed psons not only psumynge wilfullye and obstynatlye the violacon and breach of the saide Acte, but also of their malicious and evill disposed myndes and purposes have wilfully and shamefully comytted ppetrated and done divse detestable and shamefull murthers roberies felonyes ryotte and rout with Croshowes little shorte handguns and little hagbutt, to the great pill and contynuall feare and daunger of the Kinge most lovinge subjecte, and also divse Kepers of Foreste Chases and Parke aswell of our saide Soveraigne Lorde as other his Nobles and Comons and divse Gentlemen Yomen and Servingmen nowe of late have layde aparte the good and laudable excise of the longe bowe, whiche alwaye heretofore hathe bene the suertie savegarde and contynuall defence of this Realme of Englande, and an inestimable dread and terror to the Enemyes of the same. and nowe of late the saide evill disposed psons have used and yet doe daylie use to ryde and goe in the Kingt highe Wayes and elswhere, havinge with them Crosbowes and little handguns, ready furnished with Quarrelle Gunpowder fyer & touche to the great pill and feare of the Kinge most lovinge Subjecte: For reformación wherof be it enacted ordeyned and established by the Kinge our Soveraigne Lorde the Lordes spuall and temporall and the Comons in this Psent Parliament assembled and by thauctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme followinge That ye to saye; that noe pson or psons of what estate or degree he or they be, excepte he or they in their owne right or in the right of his or their Wyeff? to his or their owne uses or any other to the use of any suche pson or psons, have landes tent? fees annuyties or Office to the yerely value of one hundred pounde, from or after the laste daye of June next comynge, shall shote in any Crosbowe handgun hagbutt or demy hake, or use or kepe in his or their houses or elswhere any Crosbowe handgun hagbut or demy hake, otherwise or in any other manner then ys hereafter in this psent Acte declared, uppon payne to forfeyt for everie tyme that he or they so offendinge contrie to this Acte tenne poundes.

And that it shalbe laufull to everie pson and psons, we have landes tenter of a Yarde, Tenne pound? sterlinge. And that it shalbe laufull to everie pson and psons, we have landes tente? fees annuyties or office? to the yerelye value of one hundred pound? as ys aforesaide, to seise and take everie suche Crosbowe, and also everie handgun beinge in stock and gune of them; from the Kepinge or possession of everie suche Offendor conterie to the forme of this Acte, and the same Crosbowe or Crosbowes to kepe and reteyne to his or their owne

use, and also the same handguns hagbutte and demyhake so seised and taken within twenty dayes next after the same seisure or takinge to breake and distroye, upon peyne of fourtye Shilling? for everie Gune so seised and not broken and destroyed, and the same so broken and destroyed to kepe & reteyne to his or their owne use.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that noe pson or psons, other then suche as have land? tente Penalty up rent? fees annuyties or Offic? to the yerely value of one hundred Pound? as ys aforesaide, from or after the saide laste unqualified Persons daye of June, shall carrie or have, in his or their Jorney goinge or ridinge in the Kinge highe waye or elswhere, any Guns charged, &c. Crosbowe bent or Gune charged or furnished withe Powder fier or touche for the same, Except it be in tyme and Service of Warre, upon payne to forfeyt for everie suche Offence tenne pound(; this psent Acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrie notwithstandinge.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that no pson or psons from the saide laste daye of June None shall shoot at shall in anywise shote in or withe anye handgune demyhake or hagbutt at any thinge at lardge, within any Cittie Boroughe or Markett Towne or within one quarter of a myle of anny Cittie Boroughe or Markett Towne, excepte it be at a Butt or Banck of earth in place convenient, or for the defence of his pson or house, upon payne to forfeyte for everie suche Shott tenne poundes; this Psent Acte or anny thinge therin conteyned to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that noe pson or psons of what estate or degre soever he or None shall order they be, shall from or after the saide laste daye of June comaunde any of his or their servaunt? to shote in any their Servants to Crosbowe handgune hagbutt or demyhake of his or their saide Masters or of any other psons, at any deare fowle or with Hand-guns. other thinge excepte it be only at a butt or bank of Earth or in the tyme of Warre as ys abovesaide, upon payne to forfeyt for everie suche offence tenne pound?: The one moytie of all web forfeytures and penalties in this pent Acte Application above specified shalbe to the Kinge our Soveraigne Lorde his heires and Successors, and thother moytie thereof to the partie that will sue for the same by bill playnt accon of Debte or Informacon in anny of the King Court of Recorde in whiche suyte noe Essoyne pteccon nor Wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

Provided always and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbs laufull from henceforthe to all Gentlemen Shooting at Butts Yeomen and Servingemen of everie Lorde or Lorde spuall or temporall and of all Knighte Esquiers and Gentlemen, with Hand-guns allowed. and to all the Inhabitaunt? of Citties Boroughes and Markett Townes of this Realme of Englande, to shote withe any handgune Demyhake or hagbutt at anye butt or bank of Earth onlye in place convenient for the same, so that everie suche handgune Demyhake or hagbutt be of the sevall lenghes aforesaide and not under; and that it shalbe laufull to everie of the saide Lorde and Lorde Knighte Esquiers and Gentlemen, and the Inhabitaunte of everie Cittie Boroughe and Markett Towne, to have and kepe in everie of their houses any suche handgune or handgunes of the lenghe of one whole Yarde, or any hagbutt or Demyhake of the lenghe of thre quarters of a Yarde as ys aforesaide and not under, to thintent to use and shote in the same at a butt or banke of Earthe onlye, as ys abovesaid, wherbye they and everie of them by thexcise thereof in forme abovesaid may the better ayde and assist to the defence of this Realme when nede shall require; this pent Acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrie notwithstandinge.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe laufull to everie pson and psons whiche dwelleth Hand-guns allowed and inhabiteth in anye house standinge and being sett distant twoo furlong? from any Cittie Boroughe or Towne, to kepe and have in his saide house for the onelye defence of the same handgunes hagbutt? and demyhakes beinge of the &c. severall lengthes aforesaide and not under, & to use and excise to shote in the same at any butt or bancke of earthe nere to his house and not otherwise; Any thinge conteyned in this Acte to the contrie notwithstandinge.

AND furthermore the Kinge most lovinge Subjecte the Lordes spuall and temporall and the Comons in this psent Patents, &c. to Parliament assembled, most humblye doe beseche the King? Majestie that it be further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide. that all tres patent? Fraternyties, and also all other placard? lycences and bill? assigned heretofore had made or signed by his Highnes or by any other authorised by his Highnes fres patent? under his Great Seale to give licence and placarde to shote in Crosbowes & handgunes or any of them, shalbe from and after the saide laste daye of June frustrate voyde and of none effecte.

And also that it may be further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide that the saide Statute made in the saide xxvth Yere of the Kinge most gracious Raigne, and all other Statute heretofore made and pvided for thavoydinge and restreynt &c. repealed; in shotinge of Crosbowes and handguns or for any of them, or for the usinge and kepinge of the same, be from henceforth utterlie voyde and of none effecte: Provided alwayes that everie peesse suyte or Informacon conceaved comenced and nowe dependinge for any Offence done contreie to the forme of the saide Statute made in the said xxvth depending. Yere of the Kinge moste noble Raigne, or of any other Statute made (1) govyded for and concerninge the shotinge in Crosbowes and handguns, not repealed, and for the kepinge of the same, shalbe as good and effectuall to the parties that have comenced the (') and shall stande and be in suche forme effecte and condicon as if this Acte had never bene made.

PROVIDED also that this Acte or any thinge therin conteyned be not in any wise hurtfull or Pjudiciall to any pson Proviso for Persons or psons nowe beinge or that hereafter shalbe appoynted by the Kinge Highnes, to kepe receyve or take any Crosbowes &c. seized in or Handguns that shalbe forfeyted or taken within the precincte or libtye of the Kinge forreste parke or chaces, but Forests: that he or they may laufully kepe and reteyne the same Crosbowes or Handguns from tyme to tyme untill suche tyme

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for Makers of Crossbows, &c.

and Merchants dealing therein. as the further pleasure of the King? Highnes in that behalfe be to evy suche pson shewed & declared: Provided also that this Acte extende not to the makers of Crosbowes or Handguns, but that they may laufully kepe Crosbowes and Handguns Hagbutt? and Demyhakes in their houses, and shott in the same onlye for provinge & assayinge of them at a butt or bank of earthe in the place convenient and not otherwise, so that the saide Handguns Hagbutt? & Demyhak? be of the sevall lenghes in Stock and Gune as ys above lymitted: Provided also that this Acte nor any thinge therin conteyned extende not or be pjudiciall to any Marchaunt? whiche have or shall have any Crosbowes Handguns Hagbutt? and Demyhak? or any of them to sell within this Realme and to none other use, so that the same Handguns Hagbutt? and Demyhak? be of the sevall lenghes in Gune and Stocke as ys above lymitted and not under.

XI. Proclamation of the A& in each County.

PROVIDED also that noe manner of parson rune in any daunger or take hurte by reason of any penaltye or forfeiture conteyned in this Acte untill suche tyme as pclamacon be made of the same Acte, within the Countye where the partie that shall or maye offende conterie to this Acte dwelleth, by the space of twentye dayes nexte after the makinge of the saide pclamacon.

XII.
Housekeepers not liable to Penalty for their Lodgers keeping Crossbows, &c.

PROVIDED also that yf any manner of pson bringe or cause to be brought withe him into his lodginge or in or to any other mans house any Crosbowe or Handgune, that then the penaltye and forfeyture, yf any suche be or hereafter shalbe forfeited by reason of this Acte, to rune and be onely upon the bringer of the saide Crosbowe and Handgune and not to the owner of the same lodginge or house, yf the saide [howner] of the said lodging or house cause thes aide bringer thereof to take & carrie awaye the saide Crosbowe or Handgune agayne withe him at his departinge; anye thinge in this Acte made to the contarie notwithstandinge.

XIII. Offenders may be arrested by any Persons.

And be it also enacted by thauctoritie of this pent parliament that if any pson or psons, from or after the laste daye of June next comynge, see or fynde any pson or psons offendinge or doinge contarie to the forme and effecte of this Acte, that then it shalbe laufull to everie suche pson or psons pceyvinge fyndinge or seinge anye suche pson or psons so offendinge contarie to the fourme of this acte, to arrest and attache evy suche offendor or offendors and to bringe or convey the same to the next Justice of Peace of the same Countye where the said offendor or offendors shalbe founde soe offendinge; And that the same Justice of Peace upon a due exiacon and proeff thereof before him had or made by his discrecon shall have full power and aucthoritie to sende or comytt the same offendor or offendors to the next Gaole, there to remayne till suche tyme as the saide penaltye or forfeyture shalbe trulye contented and paide by the saide offendor; the one moytie of the same penaltye to be paide to the Kinge Highnes and thother moytie thereof to the first bringer or conveyer of the saide offendor to the same Justice of Peace.

XIV.
Licences, if given,
(See § VIII.)
shall specify at
what Beasts, &c.
the Party licensed
may shoot, and he
shall give Security
to obey such
Regulations.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that yf any pson or psons doe at any tyme hereafter obteyne gett or purchase, of the King? Majestie his heires or successors, any placarde licence or bill assigned to shote in any Crosbowe Handgun Hagbutt or Demyhake cont^arie to the tenor purporte and effecte of this pent acte, that then there shalbe conteyned in everie suche placarde licence and bill assigned, at what beast? fowles or other thinges the saide pson or psons so obteyninge any suche placarde licence or bill assigned shall shote, withe any Crosbowe Handgune Hagbutt or Demyhake, or els that everie suche placarde licence and bill assigned hereafter to be obteyned gotten or purchased shalbe clerely voyde frustrate and of none effecte: And also that everie suche pson or psons so obteyninge any suche placarde licence or bill assigned, before they shote in any suche Crosbowe Handgun Hagbutt or Demyhake, in any suche manner or forme as shalbe mencioned in any suche placarde licence or bill assigned, shalbe bounden in the King? Courte of Chauncerie by recognizaunce in the some of twenty pound? to the King? use withe and upon condicon that he so obteyninge or havinge the saide licence placarde or bill assigned, shall not shote in any Crosbowe Handgune Hagbutt or Demyhake at any other beast? or fowles then in any suche placarde licence or bill assigned shalbe conteyned and specified, and els all suche placardes licenc? and bill? assigned so hereafter to be made to any pson or psons not beinge so bounden by recognizaunce in the Courte of Chauncerie as is aforesaide, to be utterlie voide and of none effecte.

XV. Recovery and Application of Penalties.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe laufull to all Justic? of Peace in their sessions and to all Stewardes and Baylieff? in their sevall leet? and lawe dayes to enquyre heare and determyne evy suche offence after the saide laste daye of June to be comytted and done conterie to the tenor of this pent Acte; So that alwayes noe lesse fyne then tenne poundes be assessed upon everie suche pentment and conviccon made accordinge to the due course of the lawe; the same fyne so by the same Justic? of Peace upon everie suche pentment and conviccon made before them in their Sessions, to be payde and levyed onely to the King? use; and the one moytie of everie fyne to be assessed by the Steward? or Baylyff? of any leete or lawe daye, upon everie pentment and conviccon before them, to be payde and levyed to the use of the Kinge our Soveraigne Lorde, and (2) the other moytie the one halfe to the owner of the saide leete or lawe daye by distresse or accon of debte, and thother halfe of the same seconde moytie of the same fyne, to be to the partie that will pursue for the same in any of the King? Court? by bill playnte informacon or accon of debte, in the whiche none Essoyne pteccon nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

XVI.
Penalty on Jurors
charged to enquire
into Offences, who
shall conceal the
same, 20s.

And be it further enacted, that yf any Jurie beinge sworne and charged to enquyre for the Kinge our Sovaigne Lorde before anye Justic? of the Peace or Steward? of leet? or lawdayes, of any offenc? comytted or done contrie to this psent Acte, doe wilfullie conceale any of the same offenc?, that then the saide Justic? Steward? or Bayliff? before whom any concealment shalbe had and done, shall have auctoritie by vertue of this psent Acte from tyme to tyme to chardge and sweare an other Jurie of twelve or mo good and substantiall honest psons to enquire of everie suche concealment, and if any suche concealment be founde and presented by the saide Jurie so chardged to enquyre of the same, that

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then everie one of the saide fyrste Jurie that so did conceale the same, shall leese and forfeyt for everie suche concelement of evy suche offence twenty shilling?; All whiche forfeytures and penaltyes of twentye shilling? for everie such concealment of everie suche offence so found and Psented before the same Justice of Peace shall holye be levyed and payde to the King? use, and the moytie of all the same forfeytures and penaltyes of twenty shilling?, so founde and psented before the Steward? or Bayliff? of any leete or lawdaye, shalbe levied and paide to the use of the owner of the saide leete or lawdaye by distresse or accon of debte, and thother moytie thereof to be to the partie or parties that will sue for the same by accon informacon bill or playnte in any of the Kinge Courte, in the whiche accons informacons bille or playnte no wager of lawe essoyne nor pteccon shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that yf any pson or psons hereafter in any parte do offende or do contrie to the purvewe and remedy of this Acte, whereupon cause of Accon for the same offence shalbe geven to the Kinge his heires or successors or to any other pson or psons that will sue by vertue of this Acte for the punyshment of the saide offence or forfeytures, that yf the Kinge our Soveraigne Lorde his heires or successors within one yere next and ymediatlye after suche offence and forfeytures had and made do not pursue their accon or accons so given by this Acte or cause exaiacon upon suche default? and offenc? to be had and made before their counsaile, or other Psentment? thereof to be had accordinge to the meanynge of the same Acte, and everie other pson whiche hereafter by vertue of this Acte maye have accon or accons suyte or informacon upon this Statute within halfe a yere next and ymediatlye after suche offence or forfeitures had and made do not comence their suyte informacon accons or psentmente of and upon the said forfeyt? by accon or otherwise as in this pent Acte ys lymited and declared, that then aswell the Kinge our Sovaigne Lorde his heires and successors, after one yere next after suche offence and forfeyte had and made yf no suyte in his or their name be taken by accon or otherwise as ys before exposed before the same yere ended & del'myned, as everie other pson after halfe yere next after like Offence had and done in the fourme aforesaide yf noe suyte thereupon be taken by none of them in fourme above declared, be utterly excluded and debarred of their saide suyt? accons Informacons and exaiacons to them gyven by vertue of the saide Acte, and the partyes and evy of them so offendinge shalbe of all suche Offence and forfeyte clerely dischardged and quytt; Any thinge in this Acte comprised to the contarie notwithstandinge.

XVII. One Year to the King, and Half a Year to others.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide that this psent Acte ne any thinge therin conteyned shall in anywise extende or be pjudiciall unto the Kinge Subjecte resident or inhabitinge nere unto the Coaste of the Sea in any parte of this Realme, their houses beinge not above fyve myles distant from the same Cost?, nor also to any of the saide Subject? inhabitinge within twelve myles of the borders of Scotlande, nor to any the King? Subject? Inhabitaunte of the Towne and Marches of Callice, nor to any of the Inhabit unter of the Isles of Jersey Gernesey Anglesey and the Isles of Weight and Man, but that it shalbe laufull for everie of the saide Inhabitaunt? at all tymes hereafter to have excise and use their handguns hagbutte and demyhakes of the lenghes abovesaide within the lymytte and Isles abovesaide, so that it be at noe manner of Dere heron Shoveler fesant partriche Wild Swanne or Wilde Elke or any of them; this Psent Acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrie notwithstandinge.

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PROVIDED also that this Acte ne any thinge therin conteyned be in anywise hurtfull or pjudiciall to any &vante or pson that hereafter, from the saide laste daye of June, shall bend beare carrie charge use or assaye anye Crosbowe Servants under or any handgun demyhake or hagbutt of the lenghes abovesaide, by the comaundment of his Lorde [and '] Master so that the saide 'Svante or pson doe not shote at any fowle Dere or other Game of what Kynd or nature soever they be; nor also to any suche gon or psons that shall after the saide last daye of June beare or convey any Crosbowe handgun hagbutt or Demyhake of the lenghes aforesaide to any place or places, by the comaundment of his lorde or master that maye shote by auctoritie of this Acte, to be amended repayred delyvered or assayed; so that the saide Servaunte or other pson so bringinge or conveyinge the saide Crosbowe handgun hagbutt or demyhake have redye to shewe to evy pson requiring the sight thereof one licence in Writinge sealed or subscribed by his saide Lorde or Master to carrie and convey the same Crosbowe handgun hagbutt or demyhake to thintent to be amended repayred assayed or delivered as ys aforesaide.

PROVIDED alwaies that this Acte or any thinge conteyned therein shall not extende to any Owner of any Shippe, for Proviso for having or kepinge of any handgun hagbutt or demyhake of the sevall lenghes in this Acte expessed or under, only to be had and occupied within their Shippe or other Vessell, or for the carriage and recarriage of them or any of them on lande, or kepinge of them for the onlye excise and occupyinge of them within their saide Shippe or Vessell; Anye thinge in this Acte to the contrie in any wise notwithstandinge.

Owners of Ships,